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Attorney General John Ashcroft US Department of Justice, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20530-0001

Dear Mr. Ashcroft,

As a supporter of Microsoft, I write you regarding the recent settlement. I feel that the settlement between Microsoft and the Department of Justice is the best thing that could have happened under the circumstances.

The terms of this agreement are not only fair, but truly benefit all parties involved. By agreeing to these terms, stipulating such orders as avoiding its alleged practice of retaliation against hardware firms that wanted to include non-Microsoft programs on a Windows platform, Microsoft is helping to open up the competitive market. This practice helps our technology industry to continue to grow. It is time to let these terms speak for themselves, and allow the IT sector to move forward and help our economy grow.

The settlement has obviously been well thought out, and can only benefit consumers, the IT sector and our country's economy as a whole. I support this settlement.

Sincerely,